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(No. 2) This is a matter for Government to settle and there is no necessity to bring it forward here.

(No. 3) This is what is being done.

(Nos. 4 & 5) These are administrative details within the province of the Departments concerned.

(No. 6) The standing orders on the subject contain the necessary provisions.

(No. 10) May be done after the Taluks are settled.

(Nos. 11 & 12) Will be considered.

(Nos. 13 & 14) Will be looked into by the Departments concerned.

(No. 15) Noted for consideration.

(No. 16) Government are aware that the present arrangement is not quite satisfactory. They will take the opinions of the merchants and see what can be done.

(No. 17) Will be considered.

(No. 19) There is a Legislative Council and in the Council there is a strong body of non-official members who will consult the people, take their opinions and represent them in the Council. That being the case, it seems inexpedient to ask the Tahsildars to convene meetings of the people and explain to them the provisions of each Bill as it is published in the Gazette.

(No. 20) If any difficulty is felt on the subject and modifications are desired, there is no objection to a separate representation being made for the consideration of the Council.

(No. 21) Government are agreeable to the view. His Highness the Maha Rajah has already granted you facilities in the matter of technical education. What further facilities could be afforded will be considered.

(No. 22) Noted.

70. Restoration of the Allam at Kolachel.

Mr. Ponnaiya Nadar of Eraniel (Member, Nominated) requested that the Allam at Kolachel might be restored and opened for the manufacture of salt. He also requested that the sale of salt might be left to the producers

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who might be permitted to dispose of them at the Allams on payment of *mêlvaram* to the Sirkar.

Dewan's reply.—The resuscitation of the Kolachel Allam has been already ordered. In regard to the sale of salt, some arrangement will be made for the future.

71. *Appointment of managers for mosques.*

Mr. Oosan Pillai Kulamytheen Pillai of Eraniel (Member, Nominated) said that, owing to differences and dissensions, their mosques were being mismanaged and requested that, wherever Mahomedans lived in large numbers, Government might be pleased to appoint proper persons from among the leading residents as managers and entrust them with the duty of managing the affairs of the local mosques.

Dewan.—You would propose then that the Sirkar should take up this duty.

Member.—Yes. I would request the Sirkar to select from among Mahomedans proper persons as managers.

Dewan.—In matters connected with religion, is it not inexpedient for the Sirkar to interfere?

Member.—This is not a purely religious matter. Besides, such things are being done by Government in respect of, for instance, Devaswoms.

Dewan's reply.—If the institutions concerned are in receipt of any grant from Government, then there would be some justification for them to step in and do the needful. However, think over the matter and state definitely in what way you would ask Government to help you in this matter.

The same member also represented—

72. *Administering oath to Mahomedans.*

(1) That it was viewed as objectionable that non-Mahomedans should handle the Koran in Courts and administer oath to Mahomedans: and

73. *Exemption of Mahomedans from attendance in Courts on Fridays.*

(2) That no case in which Mahomedans have to appear as parties or witnesses should be heard on Friday that being a religious day for them.

Dewan's reply.—A circular has been issued by the High Court in regard to the first point. In cases where the order is not followed, the fact may be brought to the notice of the High Court. The question of attendance in Courts on Fridays will be considered.

74. *Retail sale of salt.*

Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (Member, Taluk Association, Padmanabhapuram) said that the people were being put to loss on account of the recent order of Government stopping the retail sale of salt in Bankshalls. The people had

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